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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIETS ALLEGE CHINESE PLAN BORDER INCIDENT

1. SOVIET REPS HERE HAVE TOLD AT LEAST THREE WESTERNERS, INCLUDING A WEST EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR, WEST GERMAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AND DPA CORRESPONDENT HANS BARGMANN THAT THEY BELIEVE THE CHINESE MAY BE PLANNING ANOTHER BORDER INCIDENT SIMILAR TO THE CHEN PAO ISLAND CLASH. CHINESE MOTIVES WERE SAID TO BE (A) TIGHTENING UP UNITY WHICH HAS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN, AND (B) ENGAGING THE ARMY IN PURELY MILITARY AFFAIRS AS A MEANS OF DEFLECTING ANY ADVERSE RESPONSE TO POLITICAL ATTACKS ON SOME

PLA COMMANDERS WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD TIES TO LIN PIAO.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE SOVIET CLAIM. THE SOVIETS MAY BE CIRCULATING THE RUMOR IN PEKING AS A THREAT TO THE CHINESE THAT THE SOVIET UNION MAY STIR UP TROUBLE  
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ON THE BORDER UNLESS THE PRC RELEASES THE SOVIET PERSONNEL

CAPTURED FROM THE HELICOPTER DOWNED IN SINKIANG.  
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